Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14-71 Rockville, MD 20857

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Dear Dr. Henney,

I have read a lot of information in the last year regarding the massively excessive use of antibiotics in factory farming today. Its impact on consumers is increasingly devastating. News stories related to this emerging crisis is now mainstream.

Please, use your influence to make change and promote more natural farming methods rather than the ever-increasing factory practices. It is the horribly unnatural settings of the factory farms, in which animals live their entire lives crammed in cages or left in isolation, that promote disease among the farm's inhabitants, thus requiring large amounts of antibiotics. Super-germs are developing at rapid rates, and we have very little time before we feel the impact.

Please put the well-being of our country, the countries who consume our food, and billions of farm animals ahead of the requests of the profit-minded factories who insist the antibiotics are necessary for the animals and consumers. If you don't do something now, what's going to happen?

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely

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